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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM JIM BISHOP

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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS IN MOROCCO: DRAFT REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S
REQUEST

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1. REFTEL GIVES BACKGROUND ON PREPARATION OF BRIEF GOALS
PAPERS FOR EACH U.S. AMBASSADOR. NEED YOUR REVIEW AND COM-
MENTS ON DRAFT BELOW NLT COB AUGUST 29, IF THEY ARE GOING
TO BE INCORPORATED IN PAPER DUE FOLLOWING DAY. BEGIN TEXT:

I. SUSTAIN MOROCCO'S ESSENTIALLY PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION
ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES.

-- DURING KING HASSAN'S PLANNED DECEMBER STATE VISIT
EXPRESS U.S. APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE MODERATE
ROLE IN WORLD AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS.

-- CONSULT CLOSELY WITH KING HASSAN ON MIDDLE EAST AND AFRI-
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CAN ISSUES, ENCOURAGING HIS INCLINATION TO SUPPORT
MODERATE FORCES IN BOTH AREAS.

-- DEMONSTRATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT BY
MAINTAINING U.S. CIVIL AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AT THE

LEVELS PLANNED FOR FY 1978. ENCOURAGE PRIVATE U.S.

INVESTMENT THROUGH PROVISION OF OPIC FACILITIES.

-- HELP THE KING TO FIND A FORMULA PERMITTING RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN SAHARA IMPASSE ON TERMS WHICH DO NOT DAMAGE HIS POSITION. ENCOURAGE THIRD PARTY MEDIATION WHILE AVOIDING DIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT.

-- THROUGH OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES, MAINTAIN U.S. INFLUENCE WITH THE MOROCCAN OFFICER CORPS, THE GROUP MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP SHOULD THE KING DIE OR BE OVERTHROWN.

-- RESPOND POSITIVELY TO MOROCCAN REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, E.G. VOTE FOR MOROCCAN CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO POSTS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

II. MAINTAIN U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS THROUGH CLOSE MILITARY/INTELLIGENCE RELATIONSHIP.

-- CONTINUE SCHEDULING PORT CALLS BY U.S. NAVAL VESSELS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR PROPELLED SHIPS.

-- NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT PERMITTING THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A DEEP SPACE SURVEILLANCE STATION.

-- CLOSE OUT U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN A CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCREET FASHION WHICH MAXIMIZES BENEFITS TO MOROCCO AND MINIMIZES RISK OF CRITICISM.

-- THROUGH OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS PROVIDE A SHARE OF THE FOREIGN ARMS AND TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE DETERRENT AGAINST THE ALGERIANS.

-- CONTINUE COOPERATION IN THE COLLECTION AND EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE.

III. PROMOTE THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- DURING THE KING'S STATE VISIT UNDERLINE U.S. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE STEPS HE HAS TAKEN TO LIBERALIZE HIS REGIME, E.G. 1977 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND LIFTING OF PRESS CENSORSHIP.

-- BROADEN THE EMBASSY'S OBSERVATION OF DOMESTIC DEMOCRATIZATION THROUGH FREQUENT PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH ALL POLITICAL GROUPS AND FREQUENT DOMESTIC TRAVEL.

-- ENCOURAGE MOROCCAN PLANNERS TO CONCENTRATE MORE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RESOURCES ON IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POOREST SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY. FOCUS MORE U.S. ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES ON THE RURAL POOR.

IV. PROMOTE U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN AN EXPANDING MARKET

-- CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN FIRMS, FACILITATING ACCESS TO THE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO U.S. TRADERS AND INVESTORS FROM THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND OPIC. PARTICIPATE IN THE CASABLANCA TRADE FAIR AND STAGE TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MOROCCAN MARKET.

-- PUBLICIZE THE BENEFITS OF THE DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY SIGNED IN 1977 AND PUSH FOR ITS EARLY APPROVAL BY THE SENATE.

-- KEEP PRODDING THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING U.S. LAND EXPROPRIATION CLAIMS.

-- MONITOR MOROCCO'S BILATERAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS, ESPECIALLY THAT WITH THE SOVIET UNION, TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT INCORPORATE PROVISIONS PREJUDICIAL TO U.S. INTERESTS.

V. ENHANCE BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS.

-- GIVEN THE LIMITATIONS ON U.S. GOVERNMENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE FUNDING, ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AND MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED MOROCCAN STUDY PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

-- MAINTAIN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM IN MOROCCO AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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